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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
6 AT TACOMA

7 MAUNU RENAH WILLIAMS,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 SAMUEL WARDLE, SUSAN I. BAUR, and
11 JASON H. LAURINE,

12 Defendants.

No. C12-5169 BHS/KLS

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

13 This case has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom
14 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local MJR 3 and 4. On February 27, 2012, Plaintiff filed
15 a proposed civil rights complaint. ECF No. 1. Plaintiff did not pay the \$350.00 filing fee and
16 did not file an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP). On March 2, 2012, the
17 Clerk sent Plaintiff a letter notifying him that he had until April 2, 2012 to either pay the filing
18 fee or submit an application for IFP status. ECF No. 2. To date, Plaintiff has provided no IFP
19 application or paid the filing fee.

20 The Court may permit indigent litigants to proceed *in forma pauperis* upon completion of
21 a proper affidavit of indigency. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). However, the Court has broad
22 discretion in denying an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d
23 598 (9th Cir. 1963), cert. denied, 375 U.S. 845 (1963).
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25 In addition, Local Rule CR 3(b) provides in relevant part:

26 At the time application is made under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 or other applicable acts of
Congress, for leave to commence any civil action or to file any petition or motion

1 without being required to prepay fees and costs or give security for them, each
2 petitioner, movant or plaintiff shall:

3 (1) Complete the *in forma pauperis* affidavit approved for use in this district; and

4 (2) File a written consent that the recovery, if any, in the action, to such amount
5 as the court may direct, shall be paid to the clerk who may pay therefrom all
6 unpaid fees and costs taxed against the plaintiff, and to his attorney the amount
7 which the court allows or approves as compensation for the attorney's services.

8 Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS:**

9 (1) Plaintiff must pay the full \$350.00 court filing fee **or** file an application to
10 proceed *in forma pauperis* (complete with a copy of the written consent required by Local Rule
11 CR 3(b)), **on or before May 18, 2012**. Failure to do so by **May 18, 2012** shall be deemed a
12 failure to properly prosecute this matter and the Court will recommend dismissal of this matter.

13 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

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15 **DATED** this 30th day of April, 2012.

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18 Karen L. Strombom
19 United States Magistrate Judge
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